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## **SOUTH CAROLINA EGG PRODUCTION UP FROM 2009**

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 97 million eggs during March up 32 percent from last year, according to the USDA-NASS, South Carolina Field Office. Production totaled 75 million table eggs and 22 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,417,000 birds, up 3 percent from 4,276,000 a year ago. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,196 eggs, compared with 2,198 in 2009.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.81 billion during March 2010, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.71 billion table eggs, and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 76 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 2010 averaged 341 million, up slightly from last year. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,292 eggs, up 1 percent from March 2009.

## **SOUTH CAROLINA BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION UP**

During the month of March, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 20.4 million chicks, up 2 percent from the 20.0 million hatched in March 2009.

The UNITED STATES Broiler-type chicks hatched during March 2010 totaled 787 million, up slightly from March 2009. Eggs in incubators totaled 640 million on April 1, 2010, up 2 percent from a year earlier.